

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application and have been rejected. Claims 1, 2, 7-12, 17 and 24-29 are herein amended and claims 18-21 canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and claim listings in this application.

1. (Currently amended) An information processing system comprising a transmitting apparatus for transmitting news information, and a receiving apparatus communicably connected to said transmitting apparatus for receiving the news information, wherein said receiving apparatus includes:

voice output means for outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information; and

display means for displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of said voice,

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

2. (Currently amended) A receiving apparatus, which is communicably connected to a transmitting apparatus that transmits news information, for receiving the news information from said transmitting apparatus, comprising:

voice output means for outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information; and

display means for displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of said voice,

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

3. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said voice output means outputs the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of the news information.

4. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said receiving apparatus receives the news information from said transmitting apparatus periodically; said receiving apparatus further including storage means for storing the received news information;

wherein only fresh news information from among the received news information is stored in said storage means.

5. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising:
means for determining, whenever content of the news information is output by said voice output means, whether fresh news information has been stored in said storage means;
and

means for determining degree of importance of content of the fresh news information if it is determined that the fresh news information has been stored;

wherein said voice output means outputs content of the fresh news information as voice preferentially if the degree of importance of the content of the fresh news information is higher than that of the content of other news information.

6. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the order is capable of being set by a user.

7. (Currently amended) An information processing method comprising:

- a step of transmitting news information via a communication path;
- a step of receiving the news information;
- a voice output step of outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information; and
- a display step of displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of said voice,

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

8. (Currently amended) An information processing method comprising:

- a step of receiving, via a communication path, news information from a transmitting apparatus that transmits the news information;
- a voice output step of outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information; and
- a display step of displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of said voice,

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

9. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer readable program for causing a computer to function as the following means, wherein said

computer, which is communicably connected to a transmitting apparatus that transmits news information, receives the news information from said transmitting apparatus:

voice output means for outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information; and

display means for displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of said voice,

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

10. (Currently amended) An information processing system having a first communication apparatus for transmitting news information, and a second communication apparatus communicably connected to said first communication apparatus for receiving the news information from said first communication apparatus, wherein said second communication apparatus includes:

voice output means for outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information;

display means for displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of said voice; and

acceptance means for accepting a designation of type of the news information by voice;

wherein said voice output means outputs content of the news information, which belongs to the designated type, as voice preferentially;

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

11. (Currently amended) An information processing system having a first communication apparatus for transmitting news information, and a second communication apparatus communicably connected to said first communication apparatus for receiving the news information from said first communication apparatus, wherein said second communication apparatus includes:

voice output means for outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information;

display means for displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of said voice;

acceptance means for accepting a designation of type of the news information by voice; and

notification means for notifying said first communication apparatus of the type of news information designated;

wherein said first communication apparatus transmits the news information, which belongs to the designated type of which it has been notified by said second communication apparatus, to said second communication apparatus preferentially;

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

12. (Currently amended) A communication apparatus, which is communicably connected to a transmitting apparatus that transmits news information, for receiving the news information from said transmitting apparatus, comprising:

voice output means for outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information;

display means for displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of said voice;

acceptance means for accepting a designation of type of the news information by voice; and

notification means for notifying said first communication apparatus of the type of news information designated;

wherein said voice output means outputs content of the news information, which belongs to the designated type, as voice preferentially;

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

13. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising storage means in which the received news information is stored upon being classified by type.

14. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said voice output means outputs the content of the news information, which has been stored in said storage means, as voice in an order predetermined for every type thereof.

15. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 14, further comprises means for determining, whenever content of the news information is output by said voice output means, whether the designation of the type of news information has been made;

wherein said voice output means outputs content of the news information, which belongs to the type designated, as voice preferentially if the designation has been made.

16. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the order is capable of being set by a user.

17. (Currently amended) A communication apparatus, which is communicably connected to a transmitting apparatus that transmits news information, for receiving the news information from said transmitting apparatus, comprising:

voice output means for outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information;

display means for displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of said voice;

acceptance means for accepting a designation of type of said news information by voice; and

notification means for notifying said communication apparatus of the type of news information designated,

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

18- 21. (canceled)

22. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 12, wherein said communication apparatus has means for creating a document, which is described by

operation description language, that defines processing executed by said display means and said acceptance means, said document incorporating the received news information.

23. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 17, wherein said communication has means for creating a document, which is described by operation description language, that defines processing executed by said display means and said acceptance means, said document incorporating the received news information.

24. (Currently amended) An information processing method comprising:
a step of transmitting news information via a communication path;
a voice output step of outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information;
a display step of displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of said voice; and
an acceptance step of accepting a designation of type of the news information by voice;
wherein content of the news information that belongs to the designated type is output as voice preferentially at said voice output step;
wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

25. (Currently amended) An information processing method comprising:

a transmitting step of transmitting news information via a communication path;

a voice output step of outputting the content of the received news information as voice
in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information;

a display step of displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of said voice;

a step of accepting a designation of type of said news information by voice; and

a notification step of notifying the source of transmission of the news information of the type of news information designated;

wherein the news information that belongs to the type designated in said notification step is transmitted preferentially at said transmitting step;

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

26. (Currently amended) An information processing method comprising:

a step of receiving news information, via a communication path, from a transmitting apparatus that transmits the news information;

a voice output step of outputting the content of the received news information as voice
in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information; and

a display step of displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of the voice;

an acceptance step of accepting a designation of type of said news information by voice; and

wherein content of the news information that belongs to the designated type is output as voice preferentially at said voice output step,

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

27. (Currently amended) An information processing method comprising:

a step of receiving news information, via a communication path, from a transmitting apparatus that transmits the news information;

a voice output step of outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information;

a display step of displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of the voice;

an acceptance step of accepting a designation of type of said news information by voice; and

a step of notifying the transmitting apparatus of the type of news information designated,

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

28. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer readable program for causing a computer to function as the following means, wherein said computer, which is communicably connected to a transmitting apparatus that transmits news information, receives the news information from said transmitting apparatus:

voice output means for outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information;

display means for displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of the voice; and

acceptance means for accepting a designation of type of the news information by voice;

wherein said voice output means outputs content of the news information, which belongs to the designated type, as voice preferentially,

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.

29. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer readable program for causing a computer to function as the following means, wherein said computer, which is communicably connected to a transmitting apparatus that transmits news information, receives the news information from said transmitting apparatus:

voice output means for outputting the content of the received news information as voice in an order predetermined for every genre of news information based upon the content of the news information;

display means for displaying an animation, which imitates a speaking individual, in conformity with the output of the voice;

acceptance means for accepting a designation of type of said news information by voice; and

means for notifying the transmitting apparatus of the type of news information designated,

wherein the genre is capable of being accepted by a designation from a user by voice.